



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** Colorado received some moisture last week from scattered showers resulting in above average precipitation and average temperatures for this time of year. The moisture brought some relief to producers, but conditions are still very dry. The San Luis Valley reported its first freeze on Thursday morning last week, ending the growing season for the Valley. Topsoil and subsoil conditions remain rated mostly very short last week. Farmers were allowed 6.3 days in the field for operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	61	29	10	0
Last Week	70	25	5	0
Last Year	22	36	39	3

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	70	27	3	0
Last Week	72	25	3	0
Last Year	22	37	39	2

**Small Grains:** Planting of winter wheat started last week with 15 percent planted. Spring barley and spring wheat harvest progressed to 97 and 72 percent harvested by the end of last week, respectively.

**Row Crops:** Corn progressed to 92 percent dented, 55 percent mature, and 7 percent harvested. The crop condition was rated in mostly very poor to fair condition. Corn harvested for silage progressed to 70 percent harvested. Dry bean progress was reported at 65 percent cut and 29 percent harvested. The crop was rated in fair to good condition. Dry onion harvest was 65 percent complete. Summer potatoes were 90 percent harvested, 45 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Sorghum progress increased to 99 percent headed, 94 percent turning color, 25 percent mature, and 4 percent harvested. The crop was rated in mostly very poor to poor condition. Sugarbeet harvest began last week with 7 percent harvested and the crop was rated in mostly

good to fair condition. Fall potato harvest was 42 percent complete and the crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflower condition ranged from very poor to fair at the end of last week.

## ROW CROP CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 16, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn					
This Week	42	21	18	18	1
Last Year	9	10	33	38	10
Sorghum					
This Week	56	17	16	11	0
Last Year	13	16	48	23	0

**Pasture and Range:** The condition of pastureland is rated mostly very poor to poor across the State. Alfalfa hay harvest continued with 90 percent of the 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting complete and 30 percent of the 4<sup>th</sup> cutting complete. The crop's condition was rated evenly from very poor to good condition.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending September 16, 2012

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2012	60	27	12	1	0
Prev. Year - 2011	19	19	30	25	7
5-Year Avg.	7	15	37	35	6

**Livestock:** The condition of livestock was rated fair to good at the end of last week. Death losses for cattle and sheep were average. Stored feed supplies have been reduced due to the drought and high demand, and were rated short for this time of year.

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending September 16, 2012

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
3 <sup>rd</sup> Cutting	90	85	71	68
4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	30	21	3	5
<b>Corn</b>				
Dent	92	83	79	78
Mature	55	26	15	28
Harvested	7	2	-	2
<b>Corn Silage</b>				
Harvested	70	50	41	46
<b>Dry Beans</b>				
Cut	65	50	43	43
Harvested	29	10	19	21
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Harvested	65	50	51	49
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>				
Harvested	42	33	18	22
<b>Sorghum</b>				
Headed	99	98	96	99
Turning Color	94	83	71	82
Mature	25	12	22	34
Harvested	4	1	-	3
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Harvested	97	93	97	97
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Harvested	72	66	77	75
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Harvested	7	-	-	2
<b>Summer Potato</b>				
Harvested	90	85	56	45
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Planted	15	-	25	31

- Represents zero.

N/A Not available.

## COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Alfalfa</b>	27	24	28	20	1
<b>Dry Beans</b>	8	23	45	23	1
<b>Fall Potatoes</b>	0	0	20	80	0
<b>Livestock</b>	6	15	50	27	2
<b>Sugarbeets</b>	1	12	30	46	11
<b>Sunflowers</b>	44	23	21	11	1

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

